

c.) Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. Additionally, claims 21 and 31 are amended to correct their Markush language and claim 25 is amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and efforts extended during the telephonic Examiner Interview of October 20, 2008. The Examiner's helpfulness and suggestions for expediting the prosecution of this application are gratefully acknowledged.

The Examiner objected to the specification for improperly referring to Figures 3-6, 9, 10 and 12. In response, this informality has been addressed above.

Claims 1, 17-21 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, as reciting subject matter that was not described in the specification as filed and as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. In response, claim 1 has above been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner during the October 20, 2008 telephone Interview. Accordingly, this rejection is now overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 17-21, 25-28 and 31 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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